WRIGHT SCHOOL

Mrs. James Edwards and children and Miss Dorothy Springer spent a few days last week in Clare.

Wm. Leonard and family has moved from the Veeder farm to Alma. Mrs. Pat Whiteraft is entertaining her mother this week.

Earl Cox made a business trip to Ithaca Saturday. Mrs. Vancore and daughter were

Mt. Pleasant visitors one day last Dell Wright, who has been on the

sick list is better at this writing. Willie O'Brien of Forest Hill spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Clarence

Pat Whiteraft and John Shong made a business trip to Forest Hill

Monthly report of school district No. 4, frac., Pine River township. Number of pupils enrolled, 30; number of days absent, 78; number of days taught, 20; average daily attendance, 26; pupils neither tardy nor absent during the month were: Ruth Lentz, Dorothy Fookes, Merle Leland, Alvin Pellot, Loretta, Barry, Myrtle Adams, Eulla Lentz, Erwin Webb, Opal Crum. MARION BARTLEY,

Teacher.

UHIVEY

Elon Potter, president of the village and father of Howard Potter, commissioner of schools, died suddealy Monday morning The funeral will be held Thursday at 2 o'clock at the Presbyterian church Mr. Potter was chairman of the board of supervisors at the time the new court house was built and has been active in county politics a good many years.

James B. Allen, who deserted his wife at Alma about four months ago, was found recently living with another woman in Owosso. He is now in jail at Ithaca awaiting trial for wife

Divorces have been granted to the following: Evelyn Abbott vs. Ralph Abbott, Lily Maud Bobier vs. Richard Bobier, Charles Faunce vs. Ada May Faunce, Berna Trombley vs. George O. Trombley, Maude Pall vs. Ben Pall, Nellie Sharp vs. Fay J Sharp, Arthur Russell vs. Lily May

NORTHWEST SEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of Mt. Pleasant are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. G. Barkey. Lee Loomis and Carl Dickerson were in Saginaw on business Satur-

Iva Dickerson who attends school

in Shepherd spent Saturday and Sun-A. Ingraham visited relatives in

Ionia from Thursday until Saturday Mrs. John Hagerman has been very

sick for the past two weeks. Dr. Highfield of Riverdale is attending Mrs. M. Wager, who has been staying at J. Dexter's returned to her

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Alma, Mich., Dec. 3 ,1917. Advertised list for week ending

Dec. 3, 1917: Mr. Victor E. Duncan.

home at Marion.

Mr. Guy M. Ferris.

Miss Pearl Hall.

Mrs. Kathern Horton. Miss Hellen Hoyt.

Mrs. C. Holladay. Mr. E. H. Jordon.

Mr. Oscar Loewenstein. Mrs. Will Marsh.

Lorent Moffett.

Mr. Will F. Peters.

Mr. S. F. Shumway.

Mr. Ralph Vliet.

Mrs. William Wysel. Elmer White.

Mr. Alva Wiser.

her 17th, 1917.

The above if not called for will be sent to the dead letter office Decem-

> V. P. CASH. Postmaster.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The annual men's oratorical contest to select the contestant to represent Alma at the state contest held is March will be held on December 19. The prospects are not very bright for a strong man this year, but some freshman, we hope, will come to the front and uphold the reputation of the college. The reason for this poor outlook is that there is to one to push the work and urge men to get out, and the writer would like to suggest that if those in charge do not consider oratory worthy of a coach that it be dropped from college S. W.

GRATIOT FARM DIRECTORY.

Copies of the Farm Journal Illustrated Directory of Gratiot county have come to the desk of the editor of The Record. It contains a list of Cratiot's farmers, tells where they are located and what their holdings are, and gives a wealth of other valuable information. It also contains a large copyrighted map of the county, which would be valuable to anyone. It is published by the Wilmer Atkinson company of Philadelphia.

ADAMS-EMELYN LATIMER.

In memory of our dear daughter and sister, who passed away Dec. 13, 1909;

We mourn for you, dear Evelyn, Though not with outward For the heart that mourns sin-

Mourns solemly and slow.

YOUR LOVING FATHER, MOTHER AND SISTER.

Idleheur, Christmas day.-Adv. Wm. S. Hart, in "The Disciple," A STAR IN THE EAST



LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELP IT TO SHINE

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS

The War Council of the Amet can Red Cross has conceived that a great national purpose will be served by having mem hership in the Red Cross almost es universal as citizenship.

Although pledged as a nation to the national purpose during this great crisis, it will not be granted to a large percentage of us to play a part in the fighting branches of our country's

All of us, however, can be identified with the Red Cross. which in these times when whole nations are organized for warfare, is big enough and strong enough to carry some of the burden for our soldiers, our sailors

We want a Red Cross of threequarters of a million members Michigan. We want the ength and support that will ? grow from this army of members.

attain this goal, because the Red Cross and Christmas spring from the same spirit, and these two great symbols of mercy. sacrifice and cheer may well be ! united. On this, our first Christ mas in the war, the Red Cross symbol will add, not a spirit of a dejection, but the thought of which through accomplishment

it represents. It is hoped that from this Christmas campaign of 1917 will grow a permanent custom. which will increase the significance both of Christmas and the Red Cross.

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FIRST "WAR CHRISTMAS"

It is our first Christman in the

Millions of our boys are away from their homes, in camps, on the sea, and in the trenches.

Let your Red Cross banner wave from holly wreath and Christmas green to show that you and yours are enlisted in its service Light the Red Cross Christmas

candle and let its rays light upthe felds of the sublem of mercy; and this: Bind in inseparable union the

Christmas spirit of service and

the Red Cross mission of hum-The Red Cross has 5,000,000

It needs 15,000,000 Members

That means 10,000,000 nev

Members.

Members.

Your dollar will help end the war

Join the Red Cross. Your dellar will help put our sold-

ers "over the top. Make this a Merry Red Cross Christ-

The Largest Painting. The largest painting, exclusive of frescoes and panoramas, is Tintoretto's "Paradise." It is hung in the grand salon of the doge's palace at Venice and is eighty-four feet wide and thirty-four feet high.

A Full Hand. "John," said Mrs. Norton as she seated herself at the botel breakfast

table, "did you call a waiter?" "Yes," said Norton, looking up from his paper, "I called him, and he had a wait until then to collect this bin."

A PROGRAM FOR THE **RED CROSS CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN IN MICHIGAN**

Program For Christmas Member ship Campaign

The following program is being adop ted in substance by many Michigan

Campaign Day. Participation by fraternal bodies

Raising of Red Cross Flag, to be displayed throughout the campaign. Wednesday, December 19. -Women's Day, on which special tribute will be paid to the work which women are

doing in the Red Cross. Meetings of local women's organizations. Special exercises. Day, on which teachers in the schools will speak on the significance of the

Red Cross and upon the significance

of the Christmas ceremony. Friday, December 21.-- Employees' Day, on which special recognition will be paid to the support which the lab oring man is giving to the Red Cross.

Factory speeches, etc. Saturday, December 22. Hoy Scouts' bay, on which Boy Scouts will be or serious purpose and sacrifice ganized for canvass for membership. Sunday, December 23.-Church Day, on which Christman sermons on the

Red Cross will be preached in the churches. Monday, December 24. Red Cross Christmas Ceremony Day, At 7:30 on Christmas Eve, candles will be place i chind Red Cross Service Flags in very home. Workers will sing carols the streets and church bells will

Three-quarters of a Million for

CHRISTMAS EVE CEREMONY

An idea that will undoubtedly prove to be one of the most striking feature of the Red Cross Christmas membership campaign is the display from every home and place of business of the Red Cross emblems, indicating by stars or otherwise that one or more members an there enrolled.

On Christmas Eve at 7:30 o'clock lighted candles will be placed in the window behind or near the emblems, and the church bells will chime every half hour until nine o'clock.

As an effective means of lending beauty and significance to the ceremony, Red Cross workers will be organized into groups to proceed through each neighborhood singing Christmas carols

The participation by each town, city or village in Michigan in this Christmas Eve ceremony will be a fitting close to the greatest membership campaign in the history of the Red

Love Birds.

The little parrots called "love birds" are natives of Africa and are abundant in Medagascar. These birds adapt themselves readily to captivity. They breed readily in confinement, producing two broods in a season.

Too Long a Wait. "So you're a bill collector, ch?" "Yes, sir."

"Do you believe in a hereafter?" "I certainly do, but I'm not going to Detroit Free Press.



THE FAMOUS DELUXE CANDIES

THE FAMOUS DeLUXE CHOCOLATES

are again ready for the Christmas trade. No better chocolates are made than these.

Made of the finest ingredients that can be obtained, as we believe that nothing is too good for our patrons. Purity is supreme in De Luxe chocolates. Flavors to suit the most ex-



CANDY CANES

We are again making all kinds of candy canes for the Christmas trade. All the popular flavors. Canes please the old and the young.

RIBBON CANDIES

A fine line of Ribbon candy for the Christmas trade, one of the finest candies for the Holi-

ALL KINDS OF XMAS CANDIES

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325 S. STATE ST.

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TIES

We are carrying a complete line of underwear, warm and comfortable. A constant reminder of your good

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A complete line of gloves of all kinds. They are always welcome as presents.

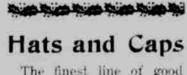


Ties and scarfs of all kinds and colors, in fancy Xmas boxes all ready for his stocking.

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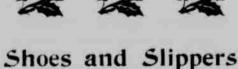
Useful and needed are umbrellas. Rainy days are sure to come when this protection is needed.





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Bath robes, Jewelry, Hosiery, Suits, Overcoats, Shirts, Mufflers, Sweaters, Toques and Skating Sets. We have

A fine watch free with every boy's suit costing from \$6 to \$10, please the young lads this year.

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